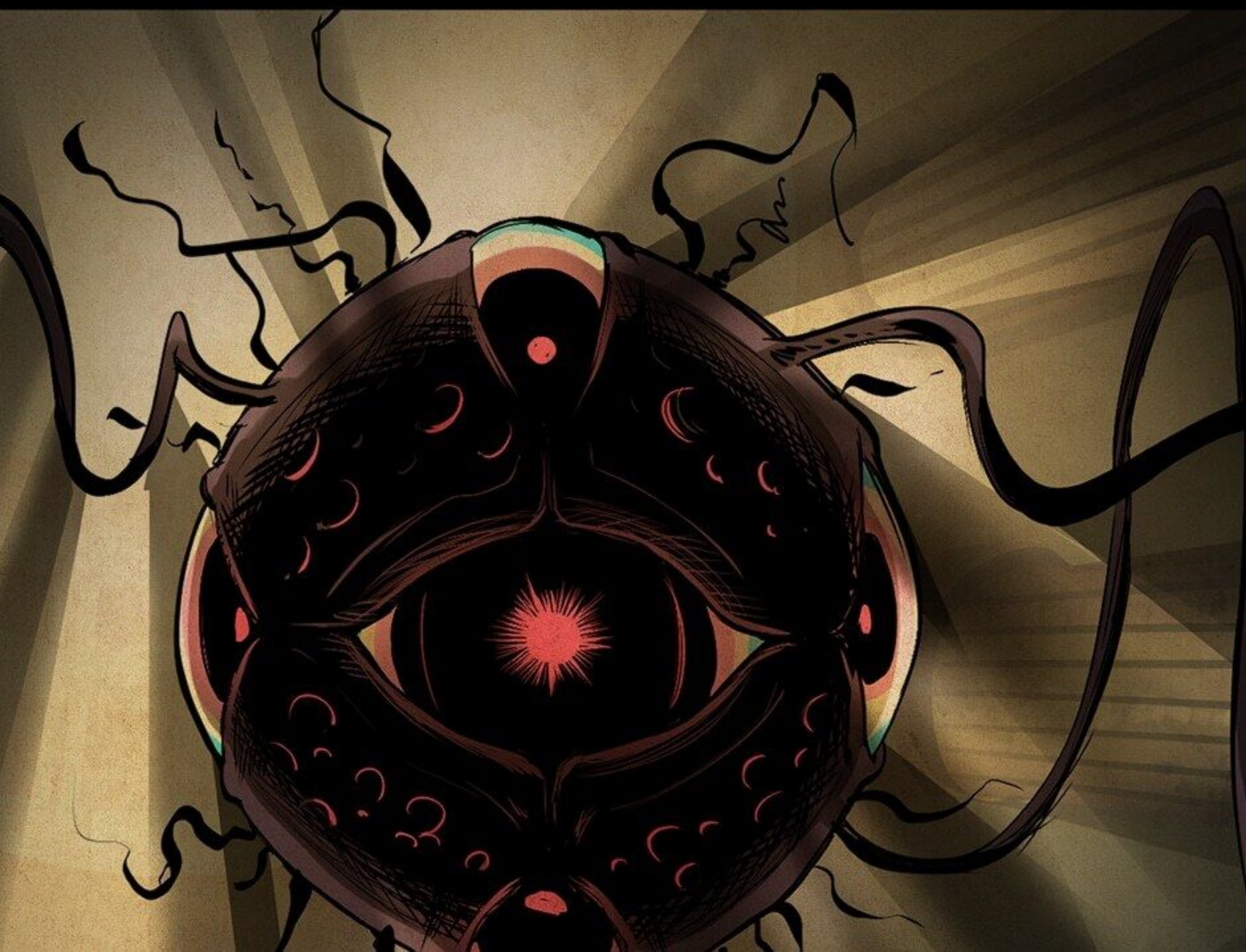
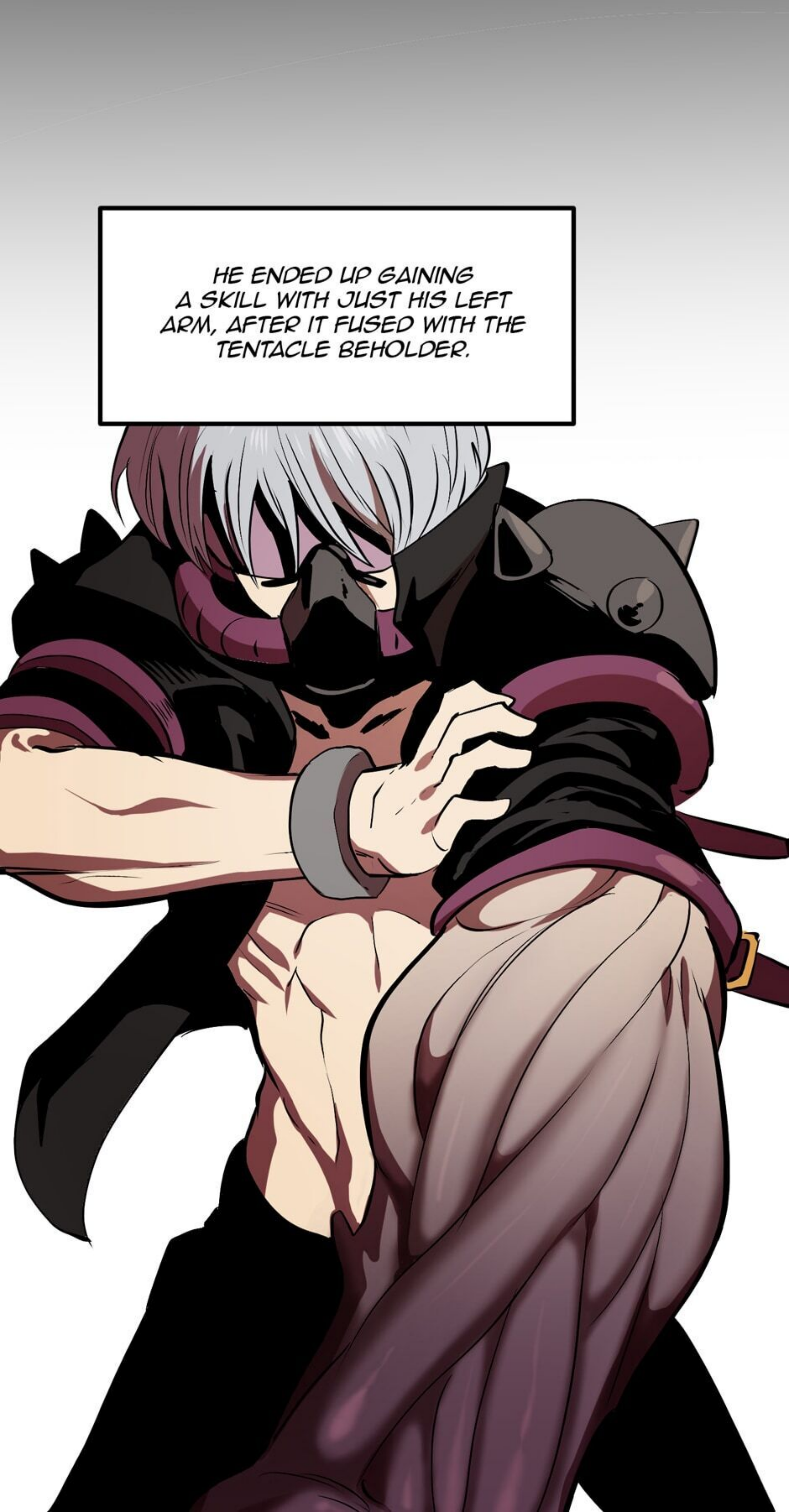


LOUDE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A MONSTER WHEN HE WAS TAKEN BY THE DUNGEON BOSS, 'TENTACLE BEHOLDER.'

IN MOST CASES, THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A MONSTER.

BUT FOR LOUDE,
THE MONSTER'S CELLS
STOPPED TAKING OVER
BECAUSE HE
WAS SO MALNOURISHED
AND DEHYDRATED.


HE ENDED UP GAINING A SKILL WITH JUST HIS LEFT ARM, AFTER IT FUSED WITH THE TENTACLE BEHOLDER.

MIND CONTROL:
A SKILL THAT ALLOWS THE USER TO CONTROL LOWER-LEVEL MONSTERS IN A ONE-MILE RADIUS.

I DON'T EXACTLY REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY IN THE DUNGEON...
BUT BECAUSE OF THIS CURSED POWER OF MINE, I'VE BEEN MISTAKEN FOR AN OTHERWORLDER EVER SINCE.

I'VE BEEN STUCK IN THIS PRISON THE WHOLE TIME... AND WAS FORCED TO FIGHT OTHER PRISONERS!

AND IRONICALLY... THIS BATTLE WITH THAT BASTARD WHO TOOK AWAY EVERYTHING FROM ME...

CLAMOR
CLAMOR
CLENCH
...WILL BE
THE FINAL BATTLE
TO WIN MY FREEDOM
AT LAST!

BUT HE WAS ONLY A LEVEL 5 BACK THEN.
EVEN IF HE'S BEEN HARD AT TRAINING SINCE THEN, HE'D BARELY BE AROUND LEVEL 20...

I'LL SPARE
YOUR LIFE IF YOU ASK
FOR FORGIVENESS!

ERIC...!

BUM

ddddd

BIG BRO BIN!!

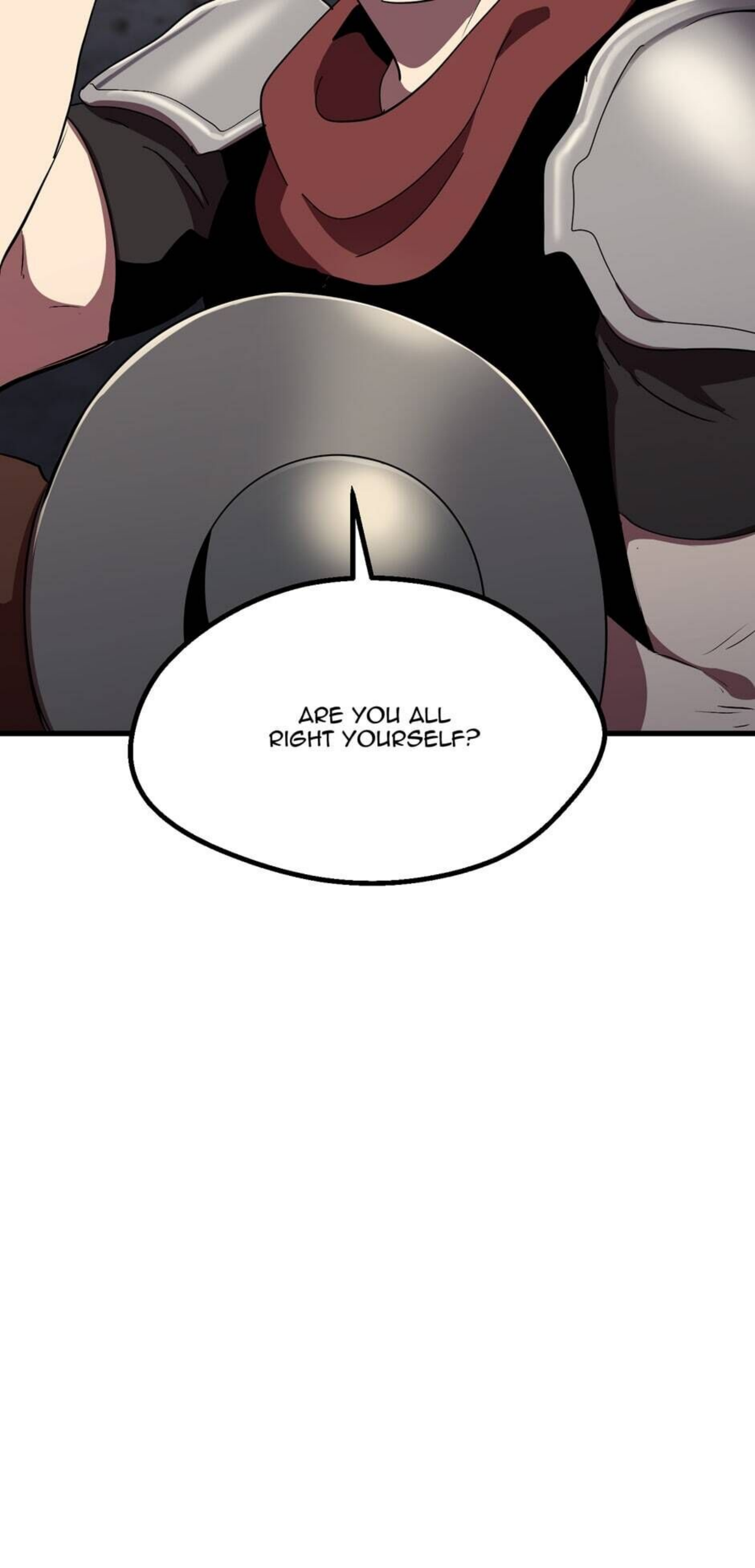
IS HE...
THE SAME GUY?

CHWAA

CHWAA

OW, OW, OW, OW...
SHWCK
CRACK

LUSHIN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I WAS JUST BLOWN AWAY BY THE SHOCKWAVE, BUT...


ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT YOURSELF?

IT SEEMS LIKE I'M NOT THE ONE THE MONSTERS ARE AFTER... THEY'RE TARGETING YOU!

THAT'S RIGHT...

I'M THE ONE HE'S TRYING TO GET TO.

B-BIG BRO BIN! WHY'S HE ONLY GOING AFTER YOU?

CLENCH

WELL... I HAVE MY GUESSES, BUT...

IF A MAD DOG COMES AFTER YOU...

...YOU JUST GOTTA PUT IT DOWN.

B-BRO...?

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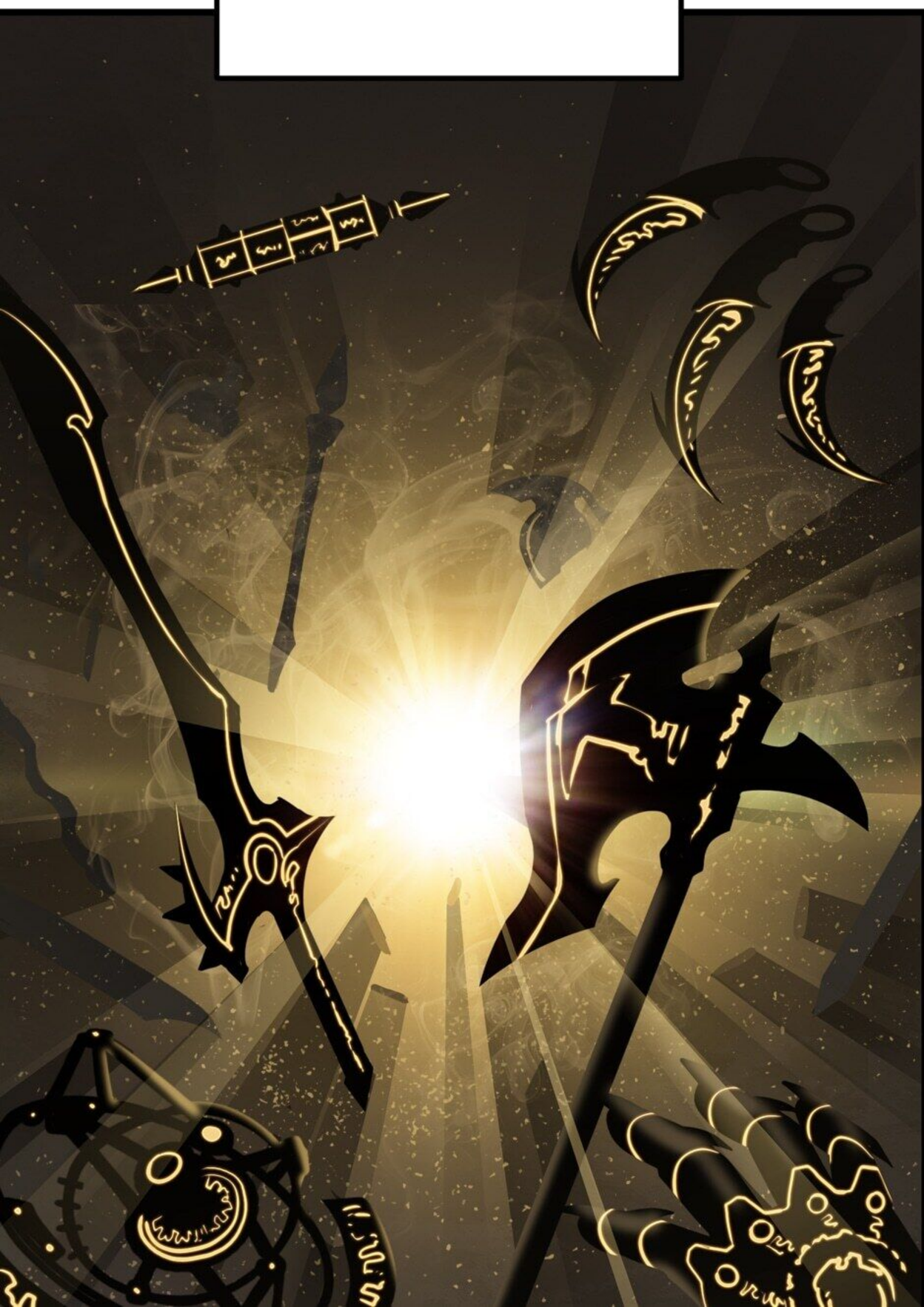
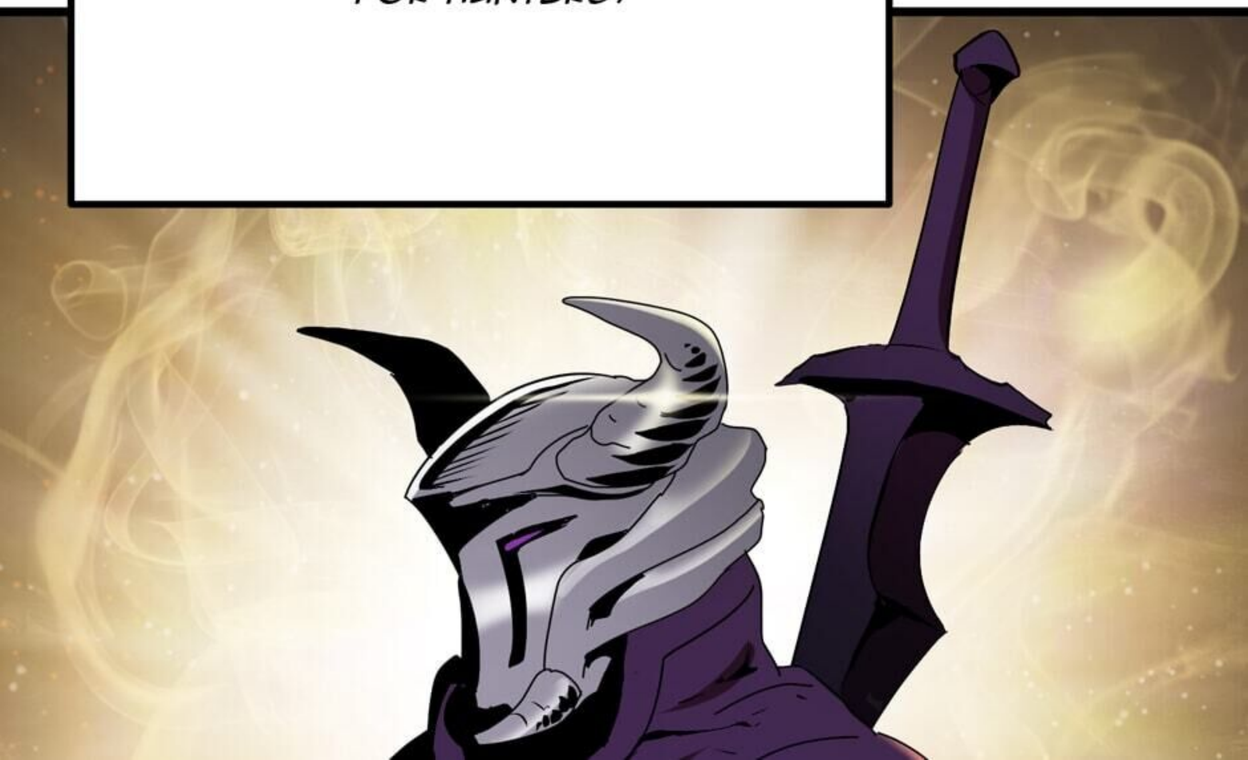
ARTIFACTS.



POWERFUL MAGIC INSTRUMENTS AND ENERGY SOURCES OF DUNGEONS... WHICH CAN BE ATTAINED BY CLOSING THE DUNGEONS.

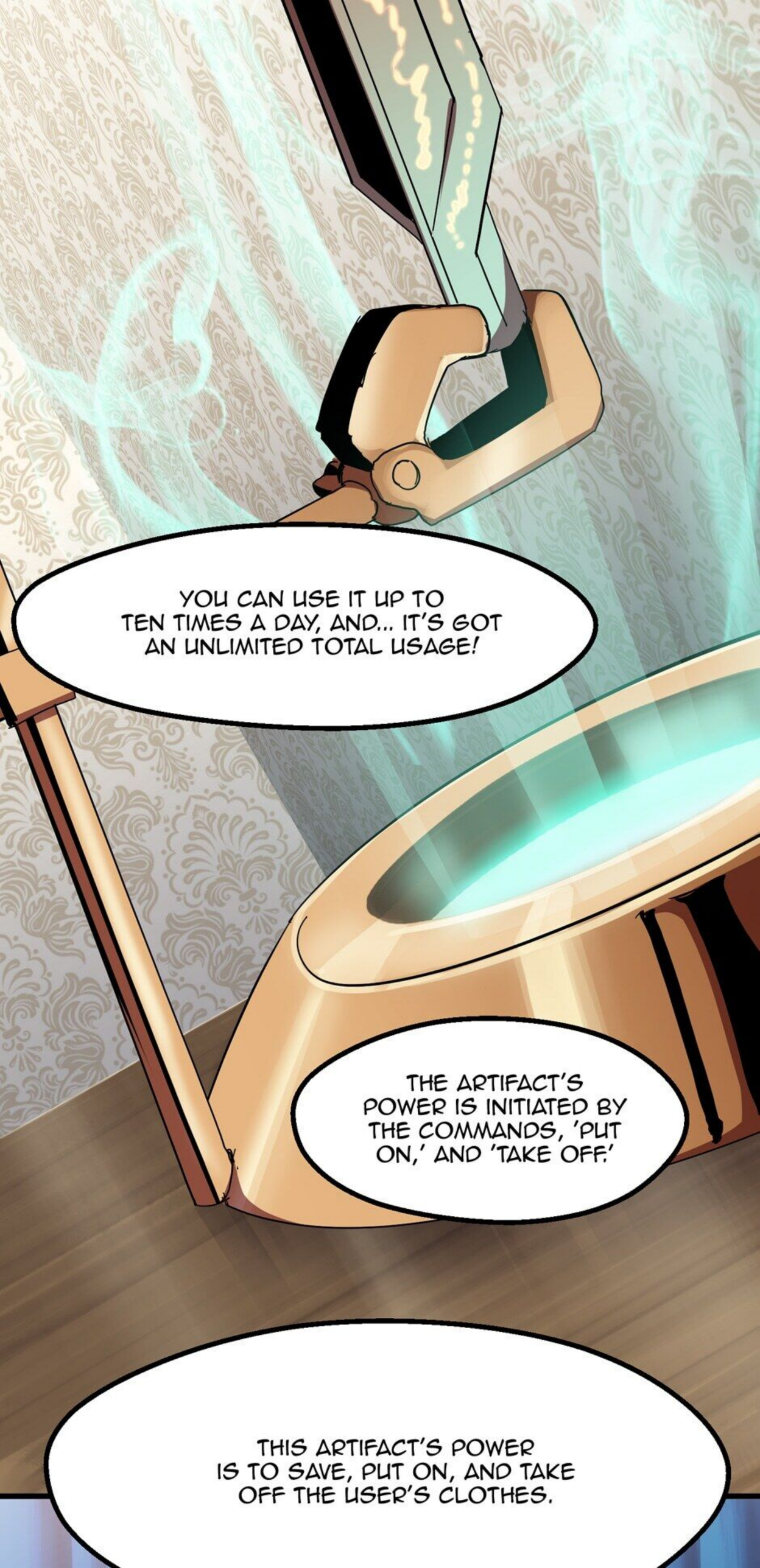
BECAUSE OF THIS, ARTIFACTS ARE A SYMBOL OF PRIDE AND HONOR FOR HUNTERS.



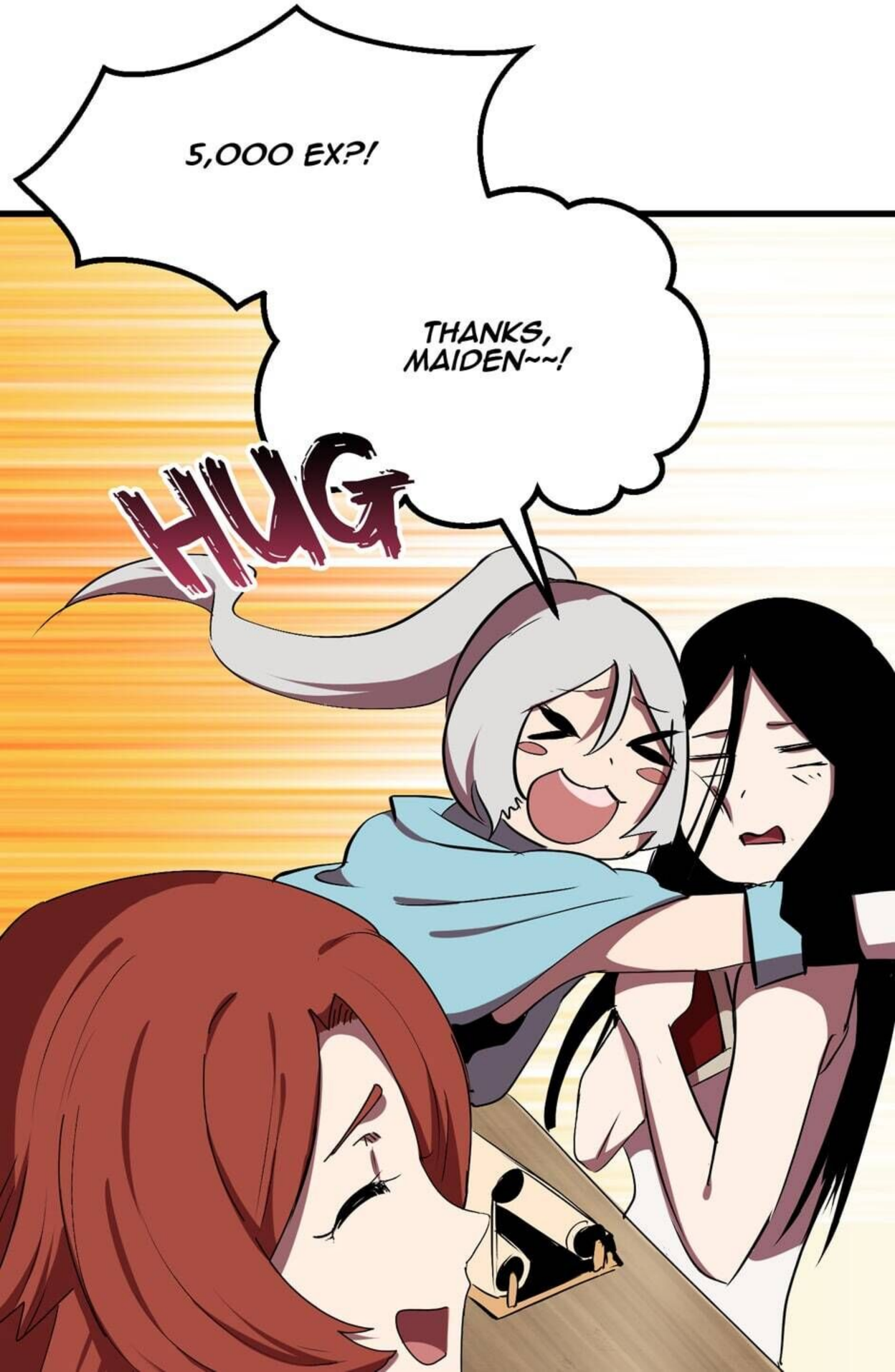
BUT WITHOUT KNOWING THE ARTIFACTS' LIMITATIONS, INTRINSIC POWERS, AND ACTIVATION METHODS, THEY'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN USELESS DECORATIONS.

FOR THIS REASON, HUNTERS MUST TAKE THEIR ARTIFACTS TO APPRAISAL CENTERS TO IDENTIFY THE POWERS AND PRICES OF THEIR ARTIFACTS.
THE APPRAISAL CENTER NEXT TO THE HUNTER'S GUILD.

HMM...
YOU NEED TO BE AT LEAST LEVEL 30 TO USE THIS...


YOU CAN USE IT UP TO TEN TIMES A DAY, AND... IT'S GOT AN UNLIMITED TOTAL USAGE!
THE ARTIFACT'S POWER IS INITIATED BY THE COMMANDS, 'PUT ON,' AND 'TAKE OFF.'
THIS ARTIFACT'S POWER IS TO SAVE, PUT ON, AND TAKE OFF THE USER'S CLOTHES.

IT'S GOT UNLIMITED USAGE, SO IT CAN SELL FOR AT LEAST THREE TIMES AS MUCH AS ANOTHER ARTIFACT AT THE SAME LEVEL.
SO MAYBE... 5,000 EX?


5,000 EX?!
THANKS, MAIDEN~~!
HUG

I FEEL BAD THAT YOU ALWAYS APPRAISE OUR ARTIFACTS FOR FREE...

MAIDEN'S BEEN WORKING AS AN APPRAISER, UTILIZING HER EXPERIENCE FROM HER DAYS IN GREAT EARTH WHEN SHE DEALT WITH MANY DIFFERENT MAGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

THERE'S NO NEED TO FEEL BAD!

THIS IS ALL TO MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO BAIL OUT

PELADD, ISN'T IT??
YEAH...
MISTER ARTIS
EVEN SOLD ALL HIS
MAGIC BOOKS HE'S
BEEN CHERISHING...

I DON'T NEED THOSE BOOKS ANYMORE.

I'VE STORED ALL THE USEFUL SPELLS HERE ALREADY.
HEHE~ THAT MAGIC INSTRUMENT MISTER ARTIS MADE WOULD SELL FOR TEN TIMES MORE THAN ANY DECENT ARTIFACT!

B-BUT THIS IS...
I'M JUST JOKING. I KNOW OMPHALOS' BLESSING IS A SECRET.
I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE AT THE CHURCH EITHER.

BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD USE THIS ARTIFACT YOURSELVES INSTEAD OF SELLING IT!
YOU CAN STORE CLOTHES IN IT AND WEAR THEM RIGHT AWAY.

YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO THROW YOUR CLOTHES AWAY WHEN YOU NEED TO TRANSFORM YOURSELF IN A HURRY, RIGHT?

THAT'S TRUE... MY CLOTHES GET DESTROYED AFTER TRANSFORMING EVERY TIME.

GRARGH

I KNOW WE'RE BOTH DRAGONS,
BUT I DO FEEL A LITTLE EMBARRASSED WHEN HE'S NAKED IN FRONT OF ME...

WAIT...?
OOPS...

HUH...?
H-H-HOW DID YOU...?!

YOU KNOW
WHO WE ARE?!

UHM... YEAH.
I SAW IT IN PELADD'S MEMORY WHEN I WAS INSIDE HIS MIND.

IF YOU PEEKED INTO PELADD'S... WELL, HANBIN'S MEMORY...

THAT MEANS YOU KNOW WHO HANBIN IS TOO...!
YEAH... I DO.
I WASN'T TRYING TO HIDE IT FROM YOU ON PURPOSE...

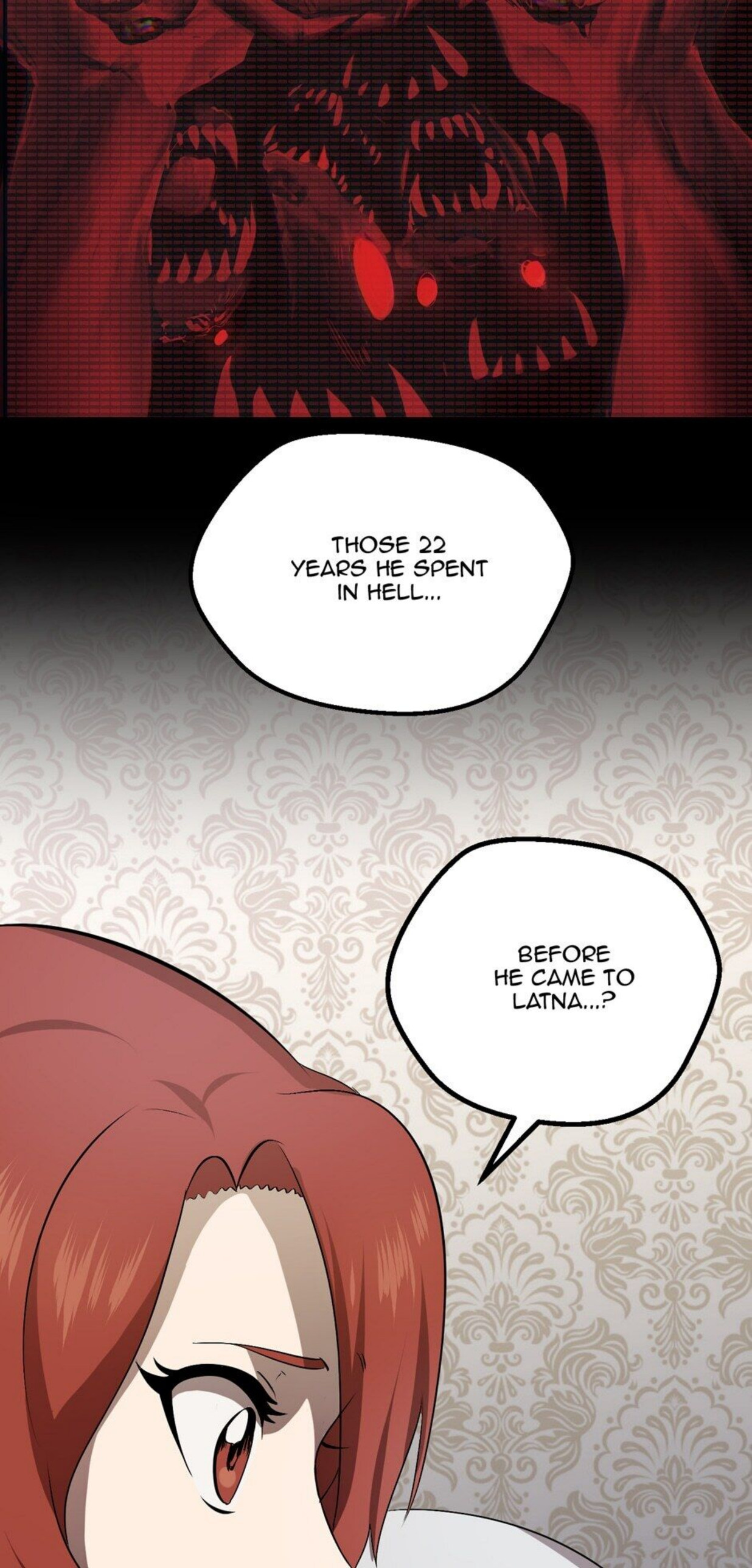
FIDGET
I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHEN THE BEST TIME TO TELL YOU WOULD BE...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MAIDEN! HANBIN DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO ME WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT

TO ME WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT HIM WHILE I WAS A WYVERN.

YEAH, I CAN VOUCH FOR HANBIN... AND I'M AN HONORABLE DESCENDANT OF A DRAGON!
YELL
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!

I KNOW
HE'S A GOOD GUY.

BUT YOU GUYS
DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BURIED
DEEP INSIDE HIS MIND.


THOSE 22 YEARS HE SPENT IN HELL...
BEFORE HE CAME TO LATNA...?

IT MAY SEEM LIKE HE'S FINE ON THE OUTSIDE...
BUT HE'S EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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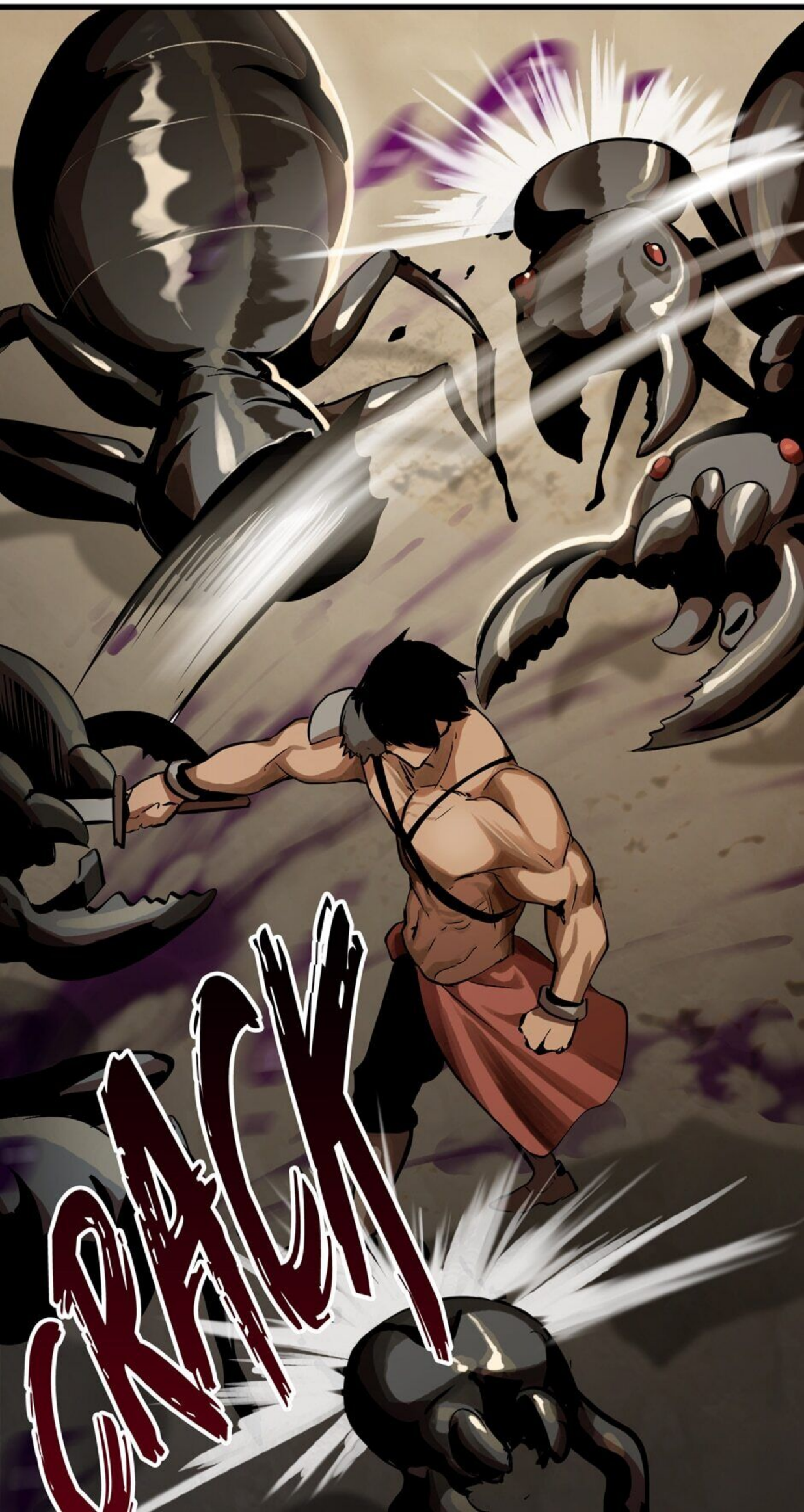
ZWSH


CRACK

SLASH

5K
5K

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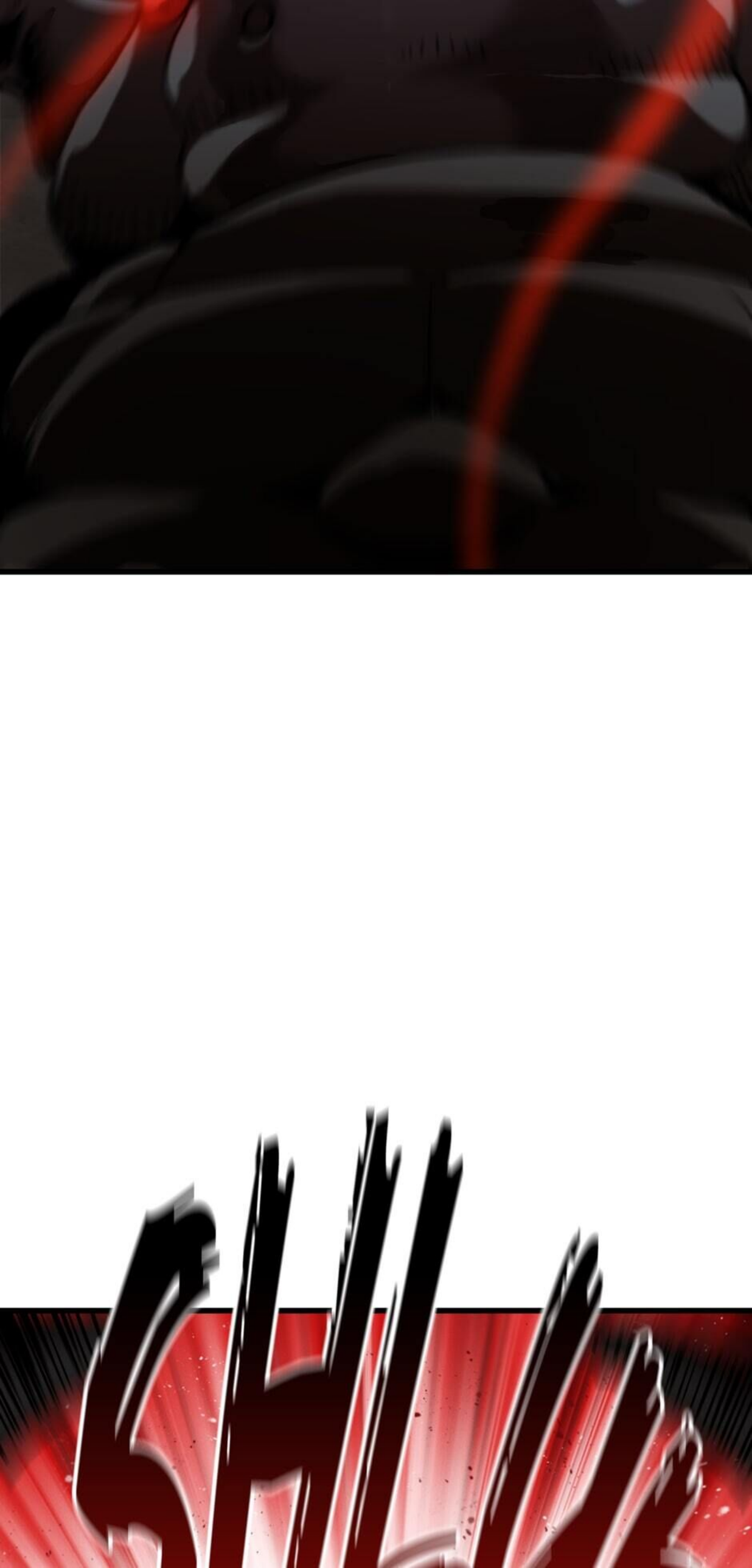

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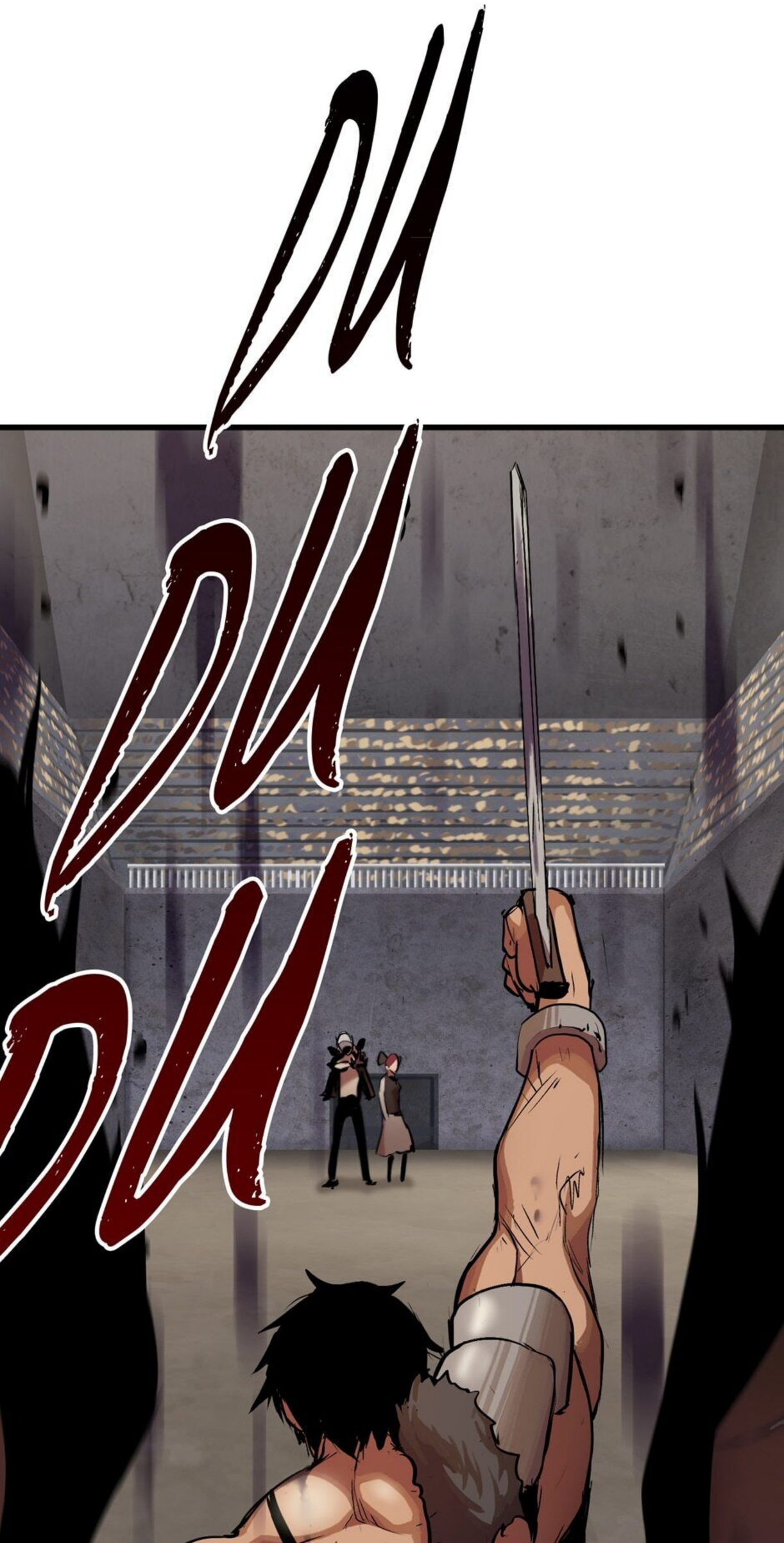
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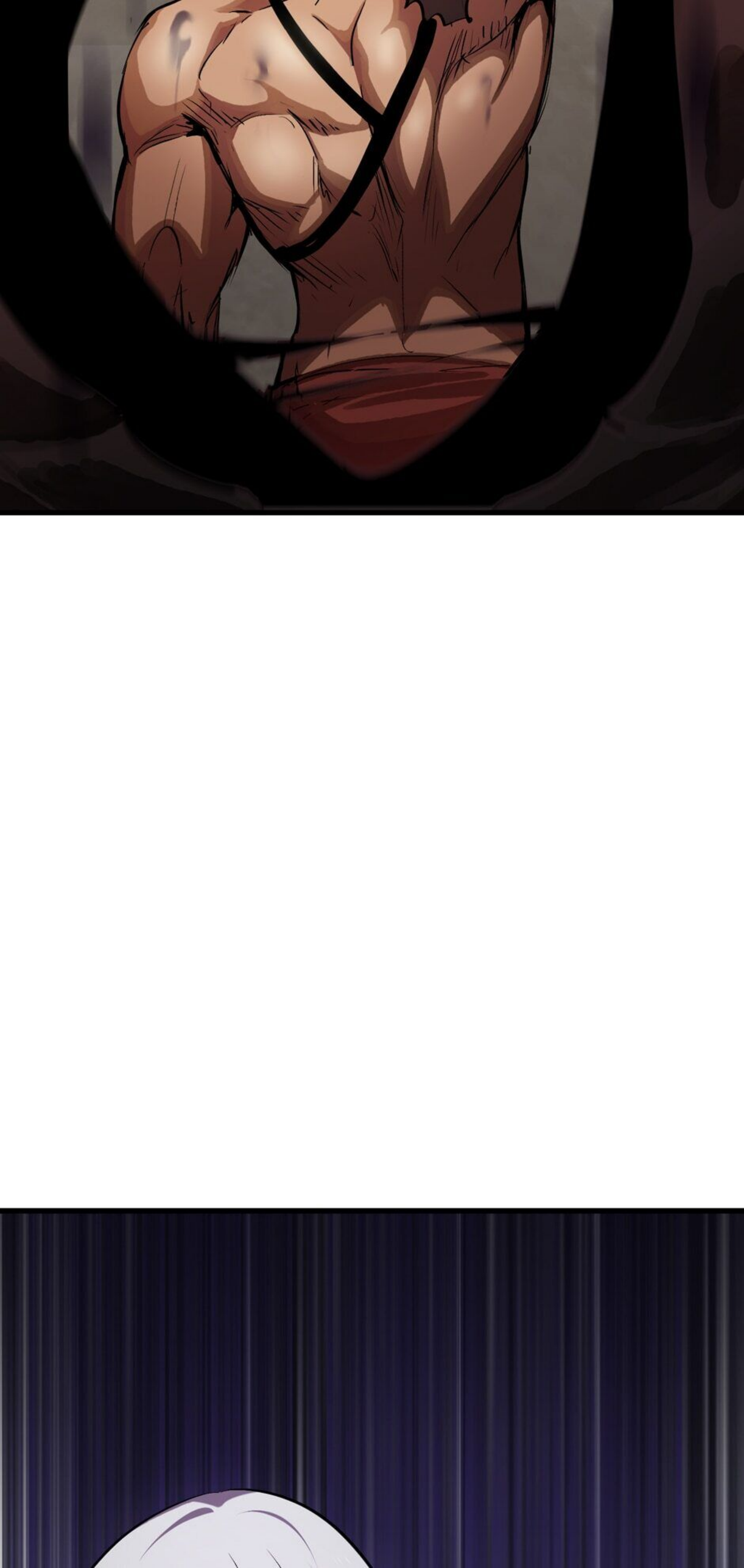
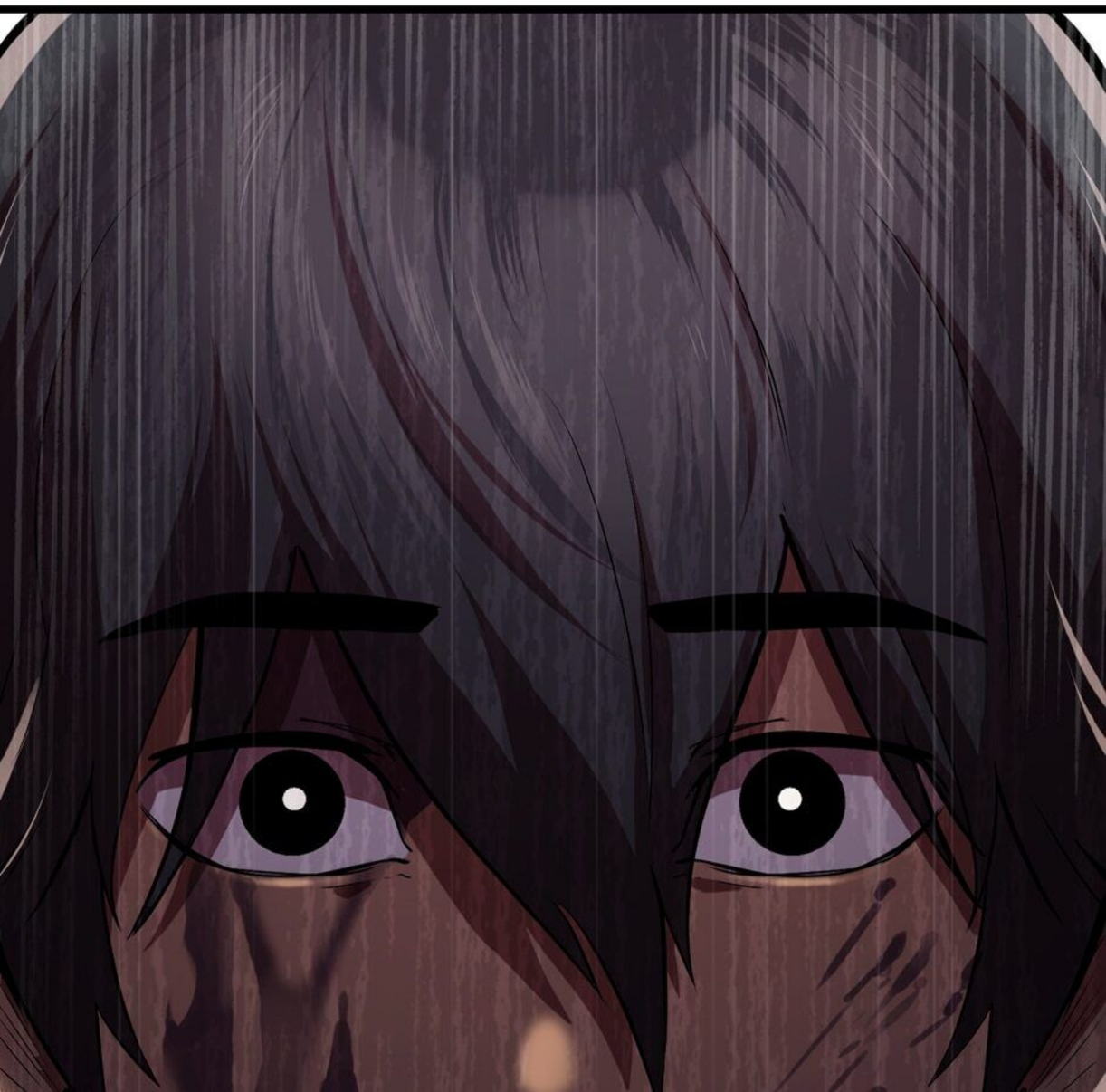


WHEN DID MY
M-MONSTER ARMY...
GET SO WEAK...?

THESE MONSTERS AREN'T WEAK!
THEIR AVERAGE LEVEL WAS AT LEAST 30...

AND A FEW AMONG THEM WERE MID-LEVEL DUNGEON BOSSES!
BUT HE'S ONLY A LEVEL 5!!

CLANG



IS THERE ANY MORE?
I-IMPOSSIBLE...!!

WHAT'S THAT IDIOT DOING?!
WHY ISN'T HE SUMMONING MORE POWERFUL MONSTERS?!

THOSE MONSTERS COULD'VE DESTROYED AN ENTIRE CITY.
SK

BUT HE DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO USE ALL OF HIS POWER TO DESTROY EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM!

THE PRISONERS STOPPED CHEERING A LONG TIME AGO...

FROM THEIR DAYS IN BATTLE... THEY CAN FEEL THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT'S ON DISPLAY...

THEY'RE OVERWHELMED BY THE VALTARAN WARRIOR'S GREATNESS...
NO... THEY'RE OVERTAKEN BY FEAR!

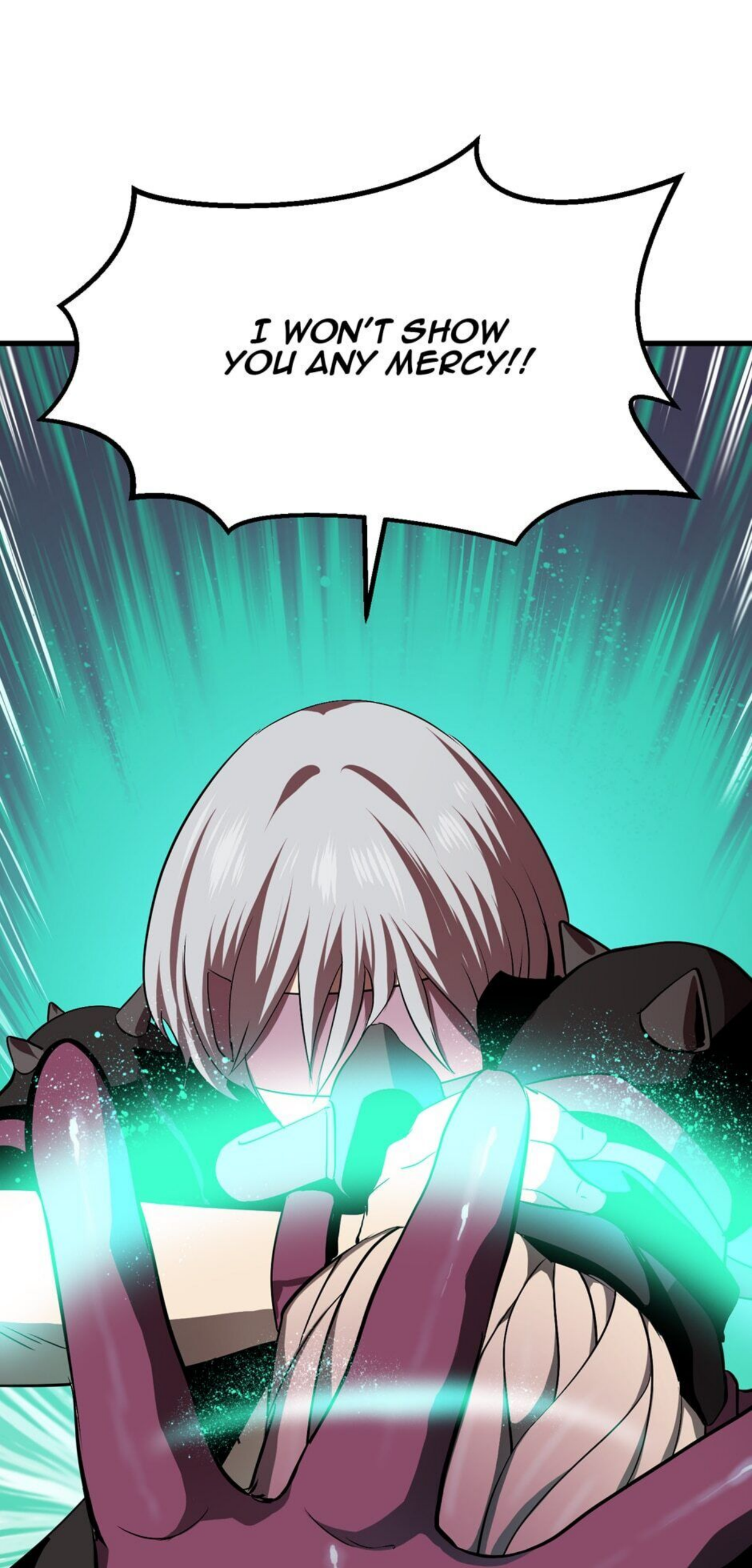
DON'T TELL ME... WAS THAT IT?

WHAT ELSE ARE YOU HIDING?

YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE TO BRING OUT, RIGHT?

I'LL SHOW YOU A REAL FIGHT THIS TIME.

'A REAL FIGHT'...?
CLENCH
I KNEW IT...


I WON'T SHOW YOU ANY MERCY!!

FLASH
MIND CONTROL
FULL BURST!!
LOOK

SHIN

ЛАТ

DU

DU
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BOOM

THUD

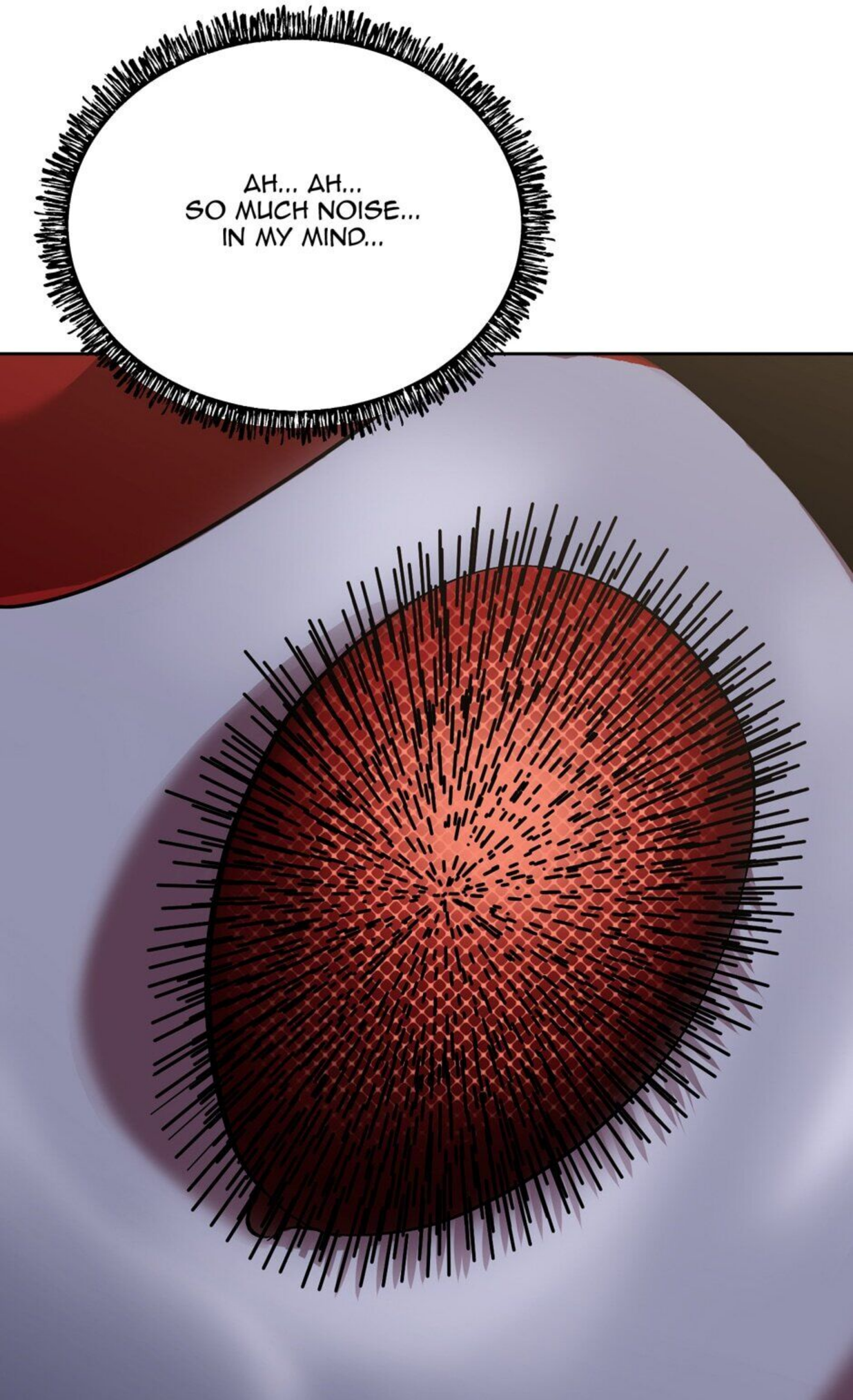
THUD
THUD
HAHAHA!
I MUST'VE SUCCEEDED!

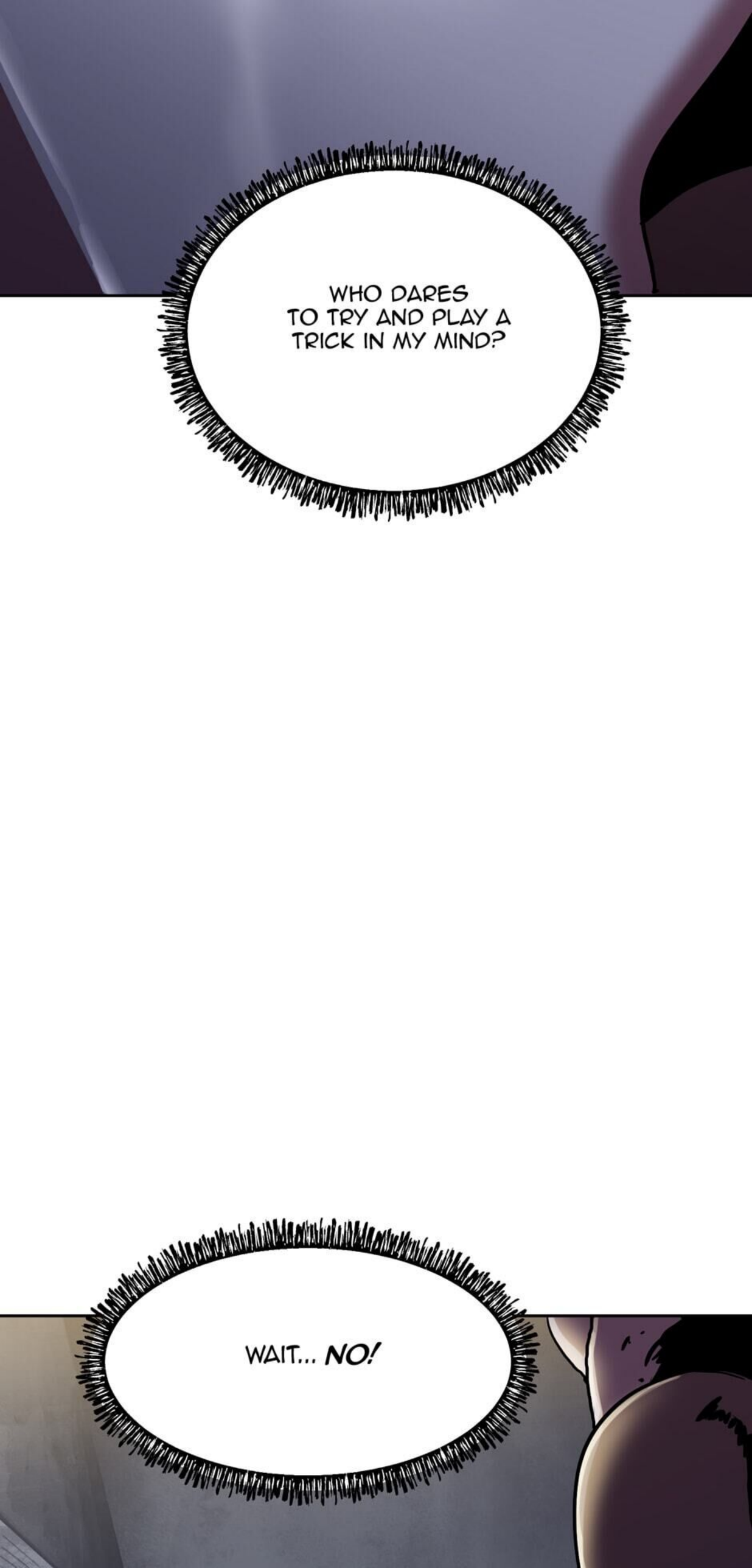
TH-THAT'S...!

GRAAA

The dungeon boss from the 31st floor, the deepest floor in all of Crater Valley

Queen Antonina
Lvl: 80


AH... AH...
SO MUCH NOISE...
IN MY MIND...


WHO DARES TO TRY AND PLAY A TRICK IN MY MIND?
WAIT... NO!

M-MY... BABIES...!!

WHAT'S THIS... SMELL?! WAS IT YOU, HUMAN?!

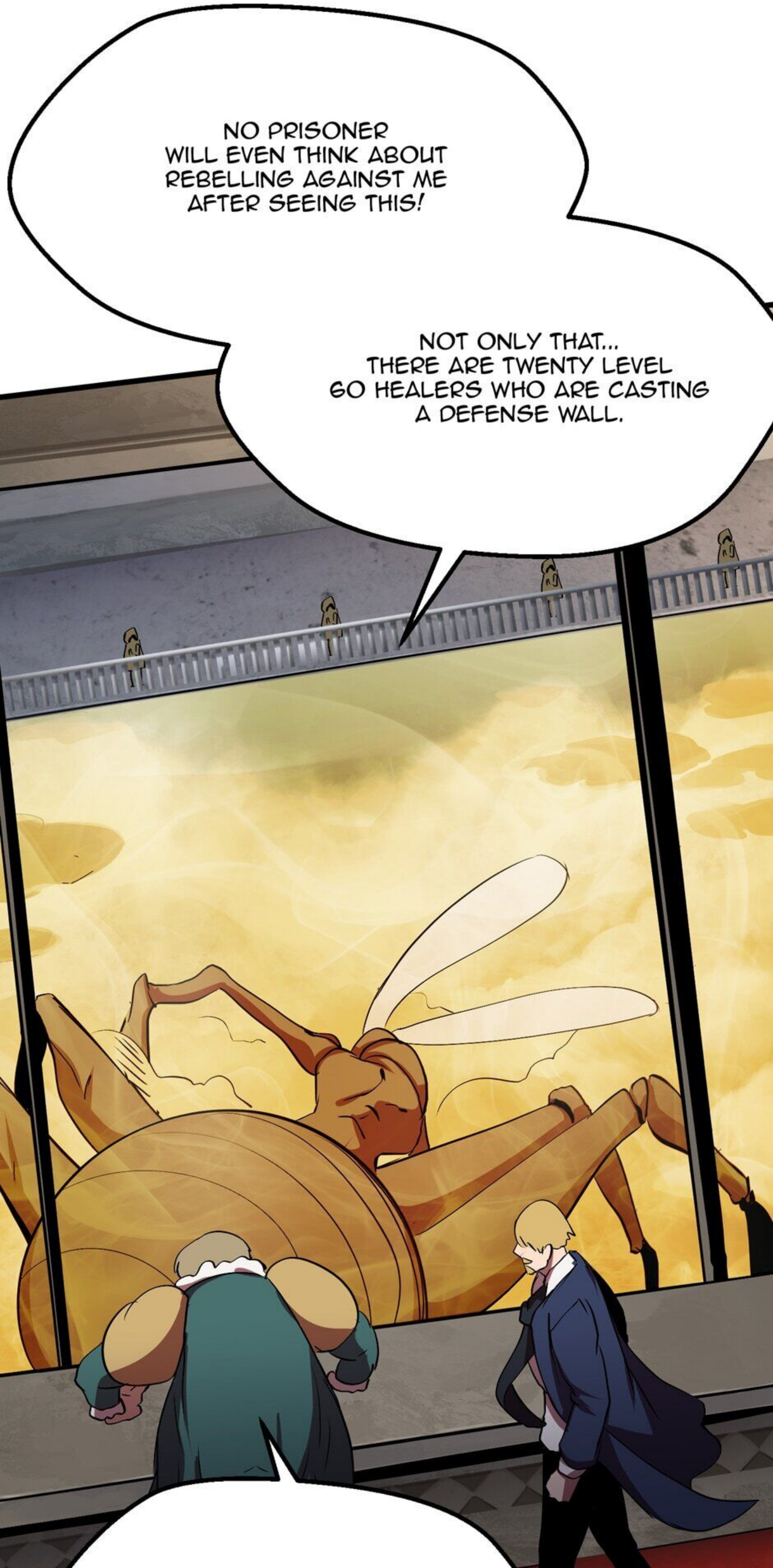
YUP, THAT'S RIGHT.
MY SWORD GOT ALL MESSED UP BECAUSE OF THEM.

CLINK
WAS IT TOO MUCH TO HANDLE?
HOW DARE YOU!!!

RUMBLE!
RUMB

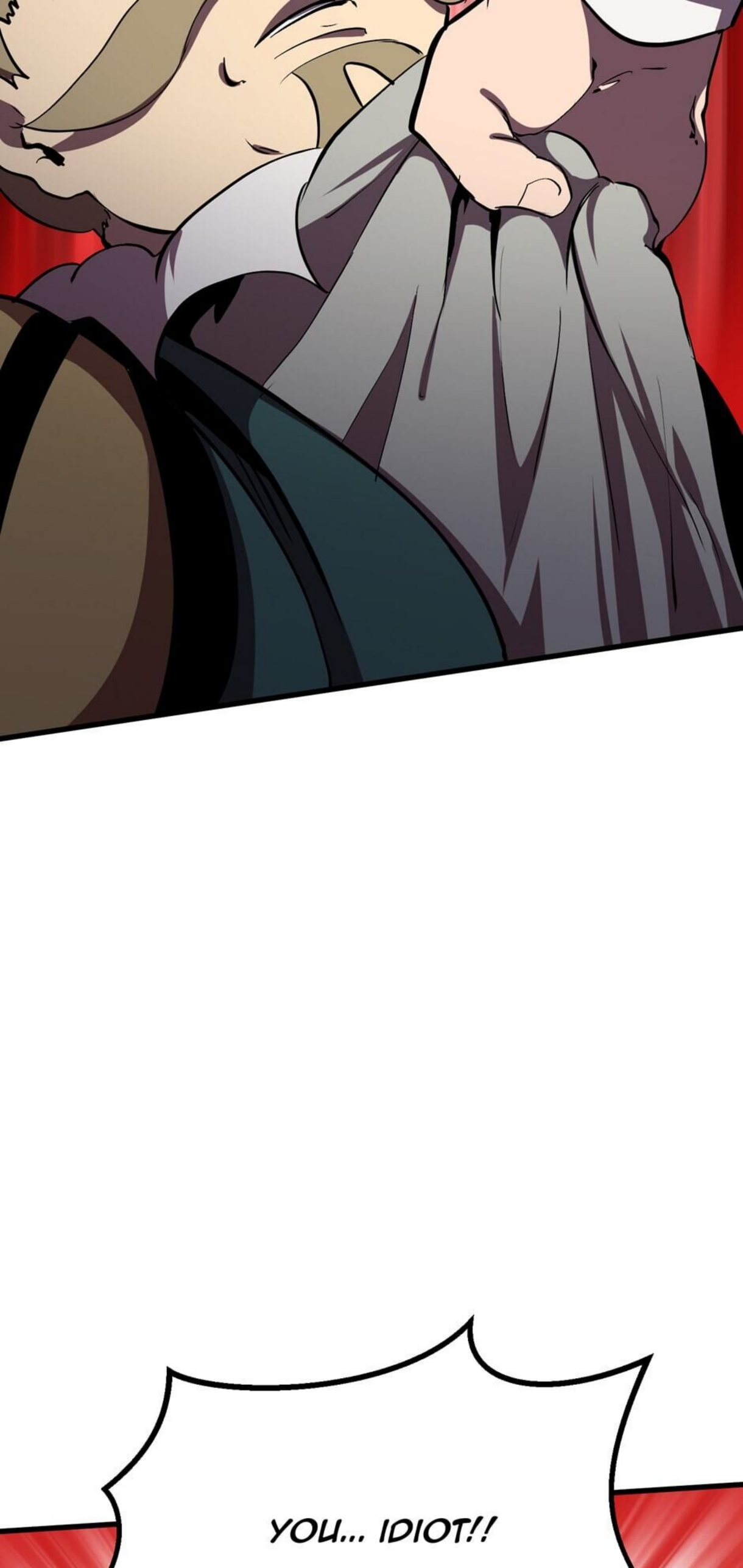
MBLE
WHAT ARE YOU ALL STANDING AROUND FOR! EVACUATE THE PRISONERS OUT OF HERE!!

HAHAHA~
I GUESS YOU SCARE MORE EASILY THAN YOU LET ON!


NO PRISONER WILL EVEN THINK ABOUT REBELLING AGAINST ME AFTER SEEING THIS!
NOT ONLY THAT... THERE ARE TWENTY LEVEL 60 HEALERS WHO ARE CASTING A DEFENSE WALL.

THAT'S ENOUGH TO STOP *FIVE* DUNGEON BOSSES!

JUST SIT BACK AND ENJOY WATCHING THE VALTARAN GET RIPPED INTO PIECES!


YOU... IDIOT!!

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE DUNGEON BOSS!

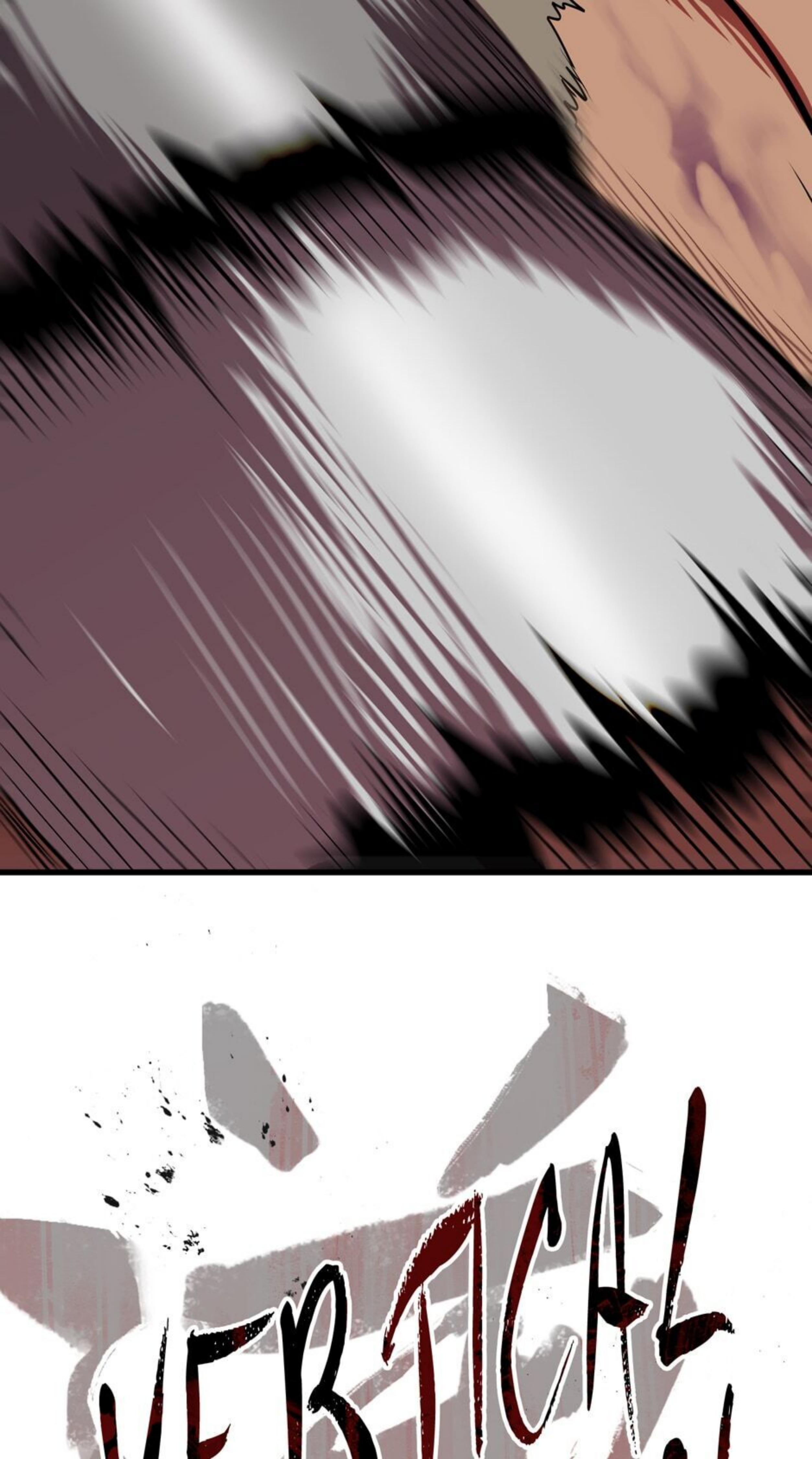
IT'S THE VALTARAN WARRIOR!!

CRACK

WHOOSH

MY SWORD'S
A MESS NOW, SO...

LET ME
BORROW YOUR HAND.


VERTICAL

*REVERSE

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE